

Pontiff Urges Statesmen Work For Lasting Peace

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The danger is so great, the Pope warned, "that we have had to utter very grave words, even as the risk of provoking still greater fears. But one may always hope that, with the grace of God, it will be a salutary and efficacious fear, that will lead to the strengthening of nations and thus strengthen the peace."
In imparting the Apostolic Blessing, the Pontiff prayed that "our anxious prayer may be heard by the Mother of God and the Mother of men, Mary Immaculate, whose stars in a special way this year the peoples of the earth kneel in supplication, that with maternal care she may intercede for the world at the throne of God."

Price Of Children Drops Very Sharply

Tokyo, Japan — (NC) — "There's a brutal deflation here," an American missionary reports. "It is in the price of children."
Father Theodore M. Koughman, Maryknoller from Mahlow, Wis., states that the terrible food shortage has dropped the average selling price of children from \$50 last year to as low as \$5 this year. According to pagan custom, needy Japanese families still sell children under 12 years of age, the priest reports.

Father Koughman says the food shortage is due to the flood and frost damage to the rice crop.

Confessions Heard In Seven Languages

Manila, Philippines — (NC) — Hearing confessions in seven languages is one of the demands made on the Catholic chaplains at the General Hospital here. In the past year, the chaplains, Father Walter J. Hamilton, S.J., distributed 2,000 Communion, administered the Last Sacraments 1,500 times and baptized 216.

'Peace' Lists Tell Red Role In Propaganda

San Jose, Costa Rica (NC) — Signatures obtained in Latin America for the Stockholm communist "Peace Declaration" were cited here by La Nacion, San Jose daily, as evidence of the extent of disguised Red propaganda among Latin Americans.
The newspaper reported that the communist-dominated World Council for Peace had claimed a total of 8,000,000 signatures in twelve Latin American countries. The countries and the number of signatures obtained in them were listed as follows:

- Argentina (3,000,000), Brazil (3,000,000), Bolivia (8,500), Colombia (25,000), Costa Rica (34,000), Cuba (350,000), Chile (500,000), Mexico (330,000), Paraguay (16,000), Peru (5,578), Uruguay (216,000), and Venezuela (45,000).

According to La Nacion, many persons withdrew their signatures when they discovered the true nature of the Stockholm declaration.

Auxiliary



Rev. Jerome B. Feld, pastor of St. Elizabeth's Church, here, has been named titular bishop of Paris in Hellespont and Auxiliary to Archbishop Francis F. Koughan of Baltimore. A native of Washington, D.C., Bishop-elect Sebastian, who is 58, was ordained in 1922. He was educated in Washington and at the Baltimore Seminary and is presently archdiocesan director of vocations. (RNS Photo)

Draft Objectors Reported Scarce In Catholic Ranks

Washington — (NC) — Conscientious objectors to service in the nation's armed forces are "a very scarce article" among Catholics. However, a number of Catholic institutions throughout the nation are taking part in a program for employment of CO's in civilian work in day of military service.
Commenting on the fact that War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference had been approved by Selective Service as an agency for civilian employment of CO's, A. Stauffer Curry, director of the National Service Board for Religious Objectors, a private organization assisting in the program, said he had not heard of more than a half-dozen cases of Catholic CO's.
SELECTIVE SERVICE headquarters here said the program was begun in 1953 after the draft law was amended. Purpose of the program, a Selective Service spokesman said, was to get CO's into civilian work outside of their own communities. It was explained that a CO on an approved organization which employs him must pay his expenses to and

Cardinal Spellman Offers Masses For U.S. Troops On Korea Front

By FATHER PATRICK O'CONNOR
Seoul, Korea — "I thank God to be back in Korea to spend another Christmas with the men and women of America's armed forces." His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman told a congregation of about 1,000 packed into the Ninth Corps chapel for his Christmas Midnight Mass in central Korea.

For the Cardinal it was another Christmas of mountain hopping in light planes and helicopters, flying down bleak valleys and riding jeeps over slippery roads—all to bring "tidings of comfort and joy."
Between dawn on Christmas (December 24) and sundown on December 28, when the Cardinal returned to Seoul, he offered Mass five times for service men in five different areas across Korea. The Cardinal Archbishop of New York is Military Vicar of the U. S. Armed Forces.
IN THE SAME period he gave 16 talks to gatherings of servicemen estimated at a total of 15,500. He gave 11 of these addresses in the open, standing bareheaded on cold outdoor platforms. He made five helicopter flights, one through a menacing snowstorm. The Cardinal made a four-hour journey by jeep over bad roads when the weather was flying over the jagged snow-capped mountains impossible.
Few, if any, American servicemen have now spent as many Christmases—three—in Korea since the war began as the Cardinal. His congregations included Army nurses, Red Cross girls and occasionally a member of a USO troupe.
For his second Mass on Christmas he flew to the Third Division where he was welcomed by Maj. Gen. Charles D. W. Canham and Father (Lt. Col.) Francis Bridenstine, Holy Cross priest of Portland, Ore. His open-air Mass was attended by 3,000, and served by Pfc. Cunningham of New York, Warrant Officer Darwin Jones of Denver directed the choir of 16 GIs. Maj. Jerome B. Feld, a Catholic from Park, Kans., pilot of the Cardinal's helicopter flight brought him to the Ninth Infantry Regiment of the Second Division. Here 2,000 gathered, likewise in the open, for the Cardinal's third Christmas day Mass. Two O'Brien had worked on the preparations here; Father (Lt. Col.) Joseph E. O'Brien of Brooklyn, division chaplain, and Father (Maj.) Edward O'Brien of Portland, Me.
Division commander, Maj. Gen. William L. Barringer and Brig. Gen. W. J. Bradley, assistant commander and a Catholic from Massachusetts, joined the chaplains in welcoming the Cardinal. A choir of Netherlands soldiers with a Korean orphan boy sang Latin and Dutch Christmas hymns during the Mass.
FIRST RAIN and then sleet fell toward the end of the Mass, but the congregation stood firm.
Escorted by Lt. Col. Patrick H. Devine, a Catholic from Dallas, Tex., the Cardinal made a four-hour journey by jeep to the 45th Division. Since the weather ruled out the scheduled plane flight he could not be in time for the afternoon high Mass which he was to preside and preach. But he would not skip any group that expected him.
On the way, he and Colonel Devine and their military police escorts came upon an overturned jeep which had slipped off the snowy road. Smoke was issuing from the jeep and four Korean soldiers were under it. The Cardinal and his companions helped extricate the four soldiers who were not critically injured.
He reached the 45th Division long after dark but in time to arrange with Father (Lt. Col.) Bernard Dant of Fall River to preach the next morning at Mass. One thousand men came and knelt on the frozen ground for that outdoor Mass at 8 a.m.
Lt. Col. John C. H. Lee, Jr., of Bear Creek, Pa., a convert son of Gen. "Courtthouse" Lee, a prominent Episcopalian, and Lt. Col. William E. Brown of Ilim, Mo., served the Mass.
Brig. Gen. J. F. R. Seltz and Colonel Nicanor Jimenez of the Philippine Battalion were in the congregation. At the 45th Division the Cardinal was the guest of Maj. Gen. Paul D. Harkins.
FOUR HUNDRED men crowded the Tenth Corps newly built chapel for the Cardinal's Mass later the same morning. Father (Maj.) George Lehman of Milwaukee assisted him; Maj. Gen. Bruce C. Clarke, corps commander, and members of the staff welcomed the Cardinal on his arrival in a light plane piloted by Lt. John Joseph Fogarty of Richmond Park, N. J. Pfc. Patrick Peyton of Minneapolis and Cpl. Ludwig Vita of Syracuse served.
All the Cardinal's pilots happened to be Catholics. Lt. Wil-

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son, told 4,500 soldiers assembled in the open to meet the Cardinal that "the Roman Catholic Church is the only organized force in the world today to combat the dark curse of communism." He introduced the visitor as "a Prince of that Church." He added: "I call him the GI Cardinal."
SIX HUNDRED soldiers of the Colombian battalion knelt and buglers played a salute as the Cardinal arrived among them. Col. Carlos Ortiz, battalion commander, and Father Jose Rojas, their Franciscan chaplain, welcomed the prelate.
The Cardinal stressed the bond of faith between Colombia and the U. S. Catholics. "The deep bond between the republics of South America and the United States is intensified by our association here in Korea," he added.
Bare hills, jagged, snow-powdered ridges and overcast skies with a cold wind blowing formed the setting for all the afternoon gatherings. But the men sat with rapt attention; eyes fixed on the bareheaded Cardinal as he reminded them of their double duty to save their souls and defend their country.
In the 25th (Tropic Lightning) Division, the Cardinal addressed a total of 2,500 men in two open amphitheatres.
THE CARDINAL arrived on the Korean scene from Tokyo. The first to receive Christmas visits from him in Korea were 400 patients in two U. S. army hospitals in the Seoul area. He visited the patients the afternoon of his arrival from Tokyo.
"My morale jumped 150 per cent just to see the Cardinal and think that he'd come over here to spend his Christmas with us in Korea," said Pfc. Eugene Czaplak of St. Mary of the Angels parish, Chicago.
The Cardinal went to every man's bedside. He gave out holy cards and medals as souvenirs and gifts of cigarettes to all. Father (Capt.) Martin Schmitt of Baltimore, the hospital's Catholic chaplain, assisted him in distributing the gifts. Fathers Nern and Webster accompanied the Cardinal throughout the visit.

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